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Applicants have included below a concise explanation of relevance for each non-English reference.

**DE 40 38 462 A1-** is directed to an appliance for preparing hot brews such as instant coffee or tea, comprising a fresh water container, a water guide tube, and a brewing container or filter vessel. Areas of the water guide tube are adapted to be heated. Between an overflow terminating above the brewing container and the fresh water container, the water guide rod is provided with a bend with an apex that lies above the maximum possible fill level in the fresh water container.

**DE 601 00 541 T2** describes a device for controlling the level of a liquid in a boiler of an espresso coffee machine in which the boiler is connected with an external cylindrical container. The container comprises a capacitive sensor coupled externally to the cylindrical container and a means for detecting the changes in the capacitance of the capacitive sensor. An electric signal is generated representative of the liquid level in the boiler that controls the liquid flow into the boiler.

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**DE 26 25 791-** relates to a calcination indicator for a hot water appliance wherein a heating device is formed in an heating chamber extending horizontally with respect to a riser that is connected to an outlet.

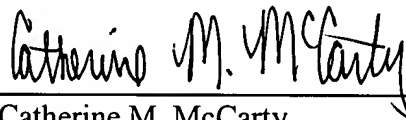
**EP 0 224 041 A1-** discloses a hot beverage maker having a filter chamber that serves brewing coffee and an intermediate tank that serves for preparing tea, where the preparation of tea is regulated as a function of the timer controlled valve. The liquid level in the water tank is controlled by means of a float valve, with the liquid level being equally distributed in leads encased by continuous flow heaters.

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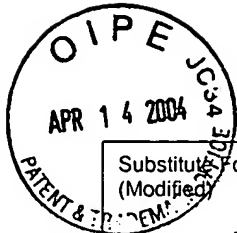
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